

Form PTO-1390		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER P28094
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/540866</b> Not Yet Assigned
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/ 003834	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE March 22, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 25, 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION EXPANDABLE BEADS OF STYRENE-MODIFIED LINEAR LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE-BASED RESIN, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, PRE-EXPANDED BEADS AND EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE			
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

- ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below.
- ☐ The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).
- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - ☒ is attached hereto.
  - ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
- ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).  
"Executed"
- ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 22 below concern other document(s) or information included:

- Assignee: Sekisui Plastics Co., Ltd., of Osaka, JAPAN
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
- ☐ A substitute specification.
- ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ☒ Figure of Drawing to be published: 1
- ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
- ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
- ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
- ☒ Other items or information:  
Copy of the international Application as Published ( in Japanese) -Cover sheet-2 Pages- 35 pages W/ 1 sheet of Drawing;  
PCT/ RO/101 Request ( in Japanese)  
PCT/IB/308; PCT/ISA/210  
Claim of Priority

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23 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: Basic national fee..... <b>300.00</b>				CALCULATIONS \$300.00	PTO USE ONLY
24 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4)..... <b>100.00</b> All other situations..... <b>200.00</b>				\$200.00	
25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a) (2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... <b>100.00</b> International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office..... <b>400.00</b> All other situations..... <b>500.00</b>				\$400.00	
<b>TOTAL 23, 24 and 25 =</b>				<b>\$900.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Fee for Specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				0	
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Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	16 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0	
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$0	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$900.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$900.00</b>	
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Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$				\$0	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>\$900.00</b>	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$40.00	
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